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Serial No. : 09/167,705 Examiner: F. Hamud
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For : EXTRACELLULAR NOVEL RAGE BINDING PROTEIN
(EN-RAGE) AND USES THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN REPLY TO OCTOBER 7, 1999 COMMUNICATION FROM
EXAMINER REGARDING SEQUENCE DISCLOSURE

This Communication is submitted in response to a Communication issued on October 7, 1999 in connection with the above-identified patent application by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A response to the October 7, 1999 Communication is due November 7, 1999. However, since November 7, 1999 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, November 8, 1999 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Sequence Listing

The Examiner indicated that the computer readable form (CRF) previously submitted could not be processed for the reasons set forth on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

In reply, applicants submit herewith a revised Sequence Listing attached hereto as Exhibit B in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.824. In addition, applicants submit herewith a

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computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing on the enclosed computer diskette, which has the same content as the paper copy attached as **Exhibit B**. Applicants submit as **Exhibit C**, a Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) certifying that the computer readable form containing the nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) and submitted in connection with the above-identified application, has the same information which is submitted herewith as **Exhibit B** entitled "Sequence Listing".

Thus, applicants maintain that the application now complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.824 and request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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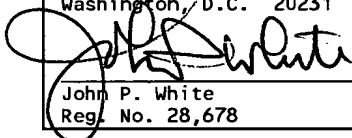
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